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SUBJECT: SUEZ CANAL MINE CLEARANCE

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1. USINT RECEIVED FOLLOWING AIDE MEMOIRE FROM SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY ON JAN. 28, 1974, REFERRING TO MINE CLEARANCE OPERATIONS IN THE CANAL. TEXT IS REPEATED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

"REFERRING TO THE MEETING WHICH WAS HELD ON THE 26TH JAN. 1974 IN THE S.C.A. OFFICES IN GARDEN CITY, WE STATE HEREAFTER THE POINTS DISCUSSED IN THAT MEETING."

"THE SITUATION IS THAT THERE ARE, ON THE BOTTOM OF THE SUEZ CANAL AND ALSO ON BOTH BANKS, VARIOUS KINDS OF EXPLOSIVES SUCH AS SHELLS, AIR BOMBS, INDUCTIVE MINES,... ETC EITHER LAID ON OR EMBEDDED IN THE BOTTOM OF THE CANAL."

"IT IS REQUIRED TO FIND A QUICK METHOD TO CLEAR THE CANAL BOTTOM FROM THESE EXPLOSIVES. THIS IS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY

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OF NAVIGATION THROUGH THE CANAL, AND ALSO SAFE WORKING OF

EQUIPMENT WHILE CARRYING OUT WIDENING AND INCREASING THE DEPTH OF THE CANAL."

"THE SOLUTION COULD BE DONE IN TWO STAGES:

1. TO DETECT THE POSITION OF SUCH EXPLOSIVES.
2. TO GET RID OF THESE LOCATED EXPLOSIVES."

"THEREFORE IT IS REQUIRED IF YOU'LL BE KIND ENOUGH TO CONTACT ORGANIZATIONS IN YOUR COUNTRY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ADVICE AND OFFERS CONCERNING:

1. PARTICIPATING IN THE WHOLE PROJECT.
2. TAKING A PART OF THE WHOLE WORK.
3. PROVIDING MOST ADVANCED EQUIPMENT WHICH CAN BE USED BY OUR PERSONNEL."

"FOR ANY FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS, YOU ARE ASKED TO CONTACT EITHER ENG. KASSEM A. SOULTAN OR ENG. Y.M. YOUSSEF.
TEL. 20747, 20748, 10749 CAIRO."
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